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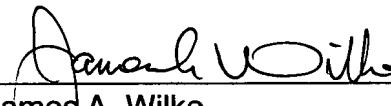
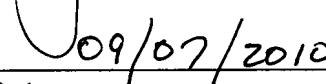
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## DECLARATION OF JAMES A. WILKE UNDER 37.CFR 1.68

I am James A. Wilke, the inventor of United States Patent Number 5,779,290 (hereinafter, "the '290 Patent").

2. On or about Thursday, August 12, 2010, I received a Notice of Patent Expiration (hereinafter, "the Notice") regarding the expiration of the '290 Patent on July 14, 2010.
3. Upon looking up the '290 Patent's bibliographic information on the USPTO website, I learned that a reminder to pay the maintenance fee was mailed on or about February 15, 2010.
4. Although I understand that the reminders are mere courtesies and not a shifting of the burden to remember a maintenance payment, I do not recall receiving a reminder in the mail.
5. If I had received a reminder to pay the maintenance fee, I would have paid the maintenance fee in a timely fashion.
6. Since I am a solo inventor, I unintentionally delayed payment of the maintenance fee since I do not have a docketing system to track the maintenance fee due dates of the '290 Patent.
7. Accordingly, in addition to this declaration, I am concurrently submitting the maintenance fee required under 37 CFR 1.20(g), as well as the required surcharge for late payment under 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2).
8. As the delay in payment of the maintenance fee was unintentional, I respectfully request that the '290 Patent is reinstated to its full rights.
9. I acknowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both (18 U.S.C. 1001) and may jeopardize the validity of the patent issuing thereon. All statements made are of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

  
James A. Wilke  
  
Date